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BEFORE THE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
ON PROPOSED CONTIGUOUS HORIZONTAL EXPANSION OF
BADGER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE LANDFILL

The United States Department of the Army (the Army), has filed with the Department of Natural Resources (the Department), pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 289.24, a complete feasibility report concerning a parcel of land proposed to be used as a site for land disposal of solid waste, located in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ and the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 7 East, Township of Merrimac. The proposed expansion is located entirely within the Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAAP) property, which is bordered by Devil's Lake State Park to the north, U.S. Highway 12 to the west, and State Highway 78 and Lake Wisconsin to the south and east in the Town of Merrimac, Sauk County, Wisconsin. The feasibility report proposes a contiguous horizontal expansion of the existing operating BAAAP construction and demolition landfill, License #3646. The BAAAP construction and demolition landfill is owned and operated by the Army.

The purpose of the feasibility report and review of the report is to determine whether the proposed site is feasible for use as a non-hazardous private construction and demolition waste disposal facility and to establish any conditions which must be included in the plan of operation. The proposed design includes a composite liner consisting of at least 4 feet of compacted clay with a 60 mil thick geomembrane over the clay and a leachate collection system which allows removal of leachate from the landfill. The proposal also includes a composite final cover system as part of closure.

The proposed expansion would have a total design capacity of approximately 750,000 cubic yards (cys). This capacity is estimated to provide a site life of approximately 5 years.

The Department has completed an Environmental Analysis (EA) for the proposal and has made a determination that an environmental impact statement is not needed under Wis. Stat. § 1.11.

On December 21, 2010 the Department issued a notice of feasibility completeness determination and preliminary environmental analysis report. The notice was published as a legal notice on December 27, 2010 in the Baraboo News Republic. A written request for a public informational hearing on the matter was filed by the Town of Merrimac within 30 days of publication of the Notice, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 289.26.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 289.26, the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public informational hearing on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town of Merrimac Town Hall, S6911 State Highway 113, Merrimac, WI 53561. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments and concerns regarding this feasibility report for the proposed landfill expansion.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed project are invited to do so by attending the public hearing and/or by submitting any comments in writing to Jim Kralick, Hydrogeologist, Department of Natural Resources, Janesville Service Center, 2514 Morse Street, Janesville, WI 53545, by March 24, 2011. All written comments received by the Department by 1 p.m. on the date of the hearing will be given the same weight and effect as oral testimony presented at the hearing.

The hearing examiner will conduct the hearing in accordance with § NR 2.135, Wisconsin Administrative Code, in an orderly and speedy manner and will use all procedures to ensure that all interested persons or their representative have an opportunity to present facts, views or arguments relative to the proposal. The Hearing Examiner may put limits on individual oral statements to ensure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The Hearing Examiner also may limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group. Clarifying questions of persons making oral statements may be permitted by the Hearing Examiner. Copies of the complete feasibility report and the environmental analysis are available for public review at the following locations:

The Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Waste Management, 101 S. Webster Street, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707

The Department of Natural Resources, Fitchburg Regional Headquarters, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711

Baraboo Public Library, 230 Fourth Avenue, Baraboo, WI 53913

Prairie du Sac Public Library, 560 Park Avenue, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

Sauk City Public Library, 515 Water Street, Sauk City, WI 53583

Sauk County, Beverly J. Mielke, Clerk, West Square Building, Room #144, 505 Broadway, Baraboo, WI 53913

Township of Merrimac, Tim McCumber, Clerk, S6911 State Highway 113, Merrimac, WI 53561

Township of Sumpter, Donna Ziegler, Clerk, E10603A County Road C, North Freedom, WI 53951-9717

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals, with disabilities upon request. Please call Vera Starch at (608) 267-7564 with specified information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin on February 7, 2011.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By: /s/ Daniel Graff

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Hearing Examiner

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